The expenditure on the visites as furnished by Central Haj Committee is as follows.

Item	Expenditure (In Rs.)
Air tickets	Rs. 1,03,330
DA	Rs. 75,600
Accommodation	Rs. 45,000
Transport	Rs. 80,000
Foreign exchange paid to staff members @Rs. 55,000 per person	Rs. 6,52,080

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) Yes Sir. The proposals for the visits of Central Haj Committee to Saudi Arabia are cleared by Government after careful consideration, keeping in view the need for best possible arrangement for the Haj by Indian pilgrims and the imperatives of economy in incurring expenditure out of the Haj Fund

Issue of Blood

29. SHRI SHIVANAND H. KOUJALGI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the AIIMS blood bank has been issuing blood to private hospitals and individuals which is essentially meant for the indoor patients of the Institute;

(b) if so, the monthly average quantity of blood issued to private hospitals and individuals during the last one year;

(c) whether any norms/conditions have been laid down for issuing of blood by the AIIMS blood bank to private hospitals and individuals;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the overall effect of such supply of various groups of blood on the indoor patients in the AIIMS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) The AIIMS Blood Bank issues blood to the patients who hold voluntary cards wherever they may be admitted. The blood is issued to a card holder. Exceptions are made in emergency situations or when blood is required by a voluntary blood donar who himself or his relative happens to be admitted in private hospitals.

(b) Average issue of blood to voluntary card holders admitted in private hospitals is 100-150 units per month.

(c) and (d) In accordance with the directions laid down by the State Council on blood transfusion services for National Capital Territory of Delhi, all hospitals have to honour voluntary cards.

(e) There is no impact whatsoever on the Indoor Patients as the Institute maintains large stocks of blood.

Use of Recycled Disposable Syringes

30. DR. M. JAGANNATH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that more and more people are getting infected by the HIV virus in India due to the use of recycled disposable syringes that make their way back to the hospitals from surgical wastebins;

(b) whether any estimate has been made of the extent of use of recycled syringes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure that the disposable syringes are not re-used?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) to (d) There has been media reports that disposable syringes are recycled in some places. While no official estimation of the extent of this practice has been made, the guidelines on Hospital Acquired Infection Control circulated to the hospitals and State Governments detailed instructions have been given for proper disposal of blood and blood contaminated material including disposable syringes and needles incineration/shredding. This aspect has also been covered in the training programmes organised for medical and para medical personnel and is a major part of the information, education and communication compaign launched to educate the general public.

Child Health Programme

31. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI :
SHRI ANNASAHIB M.K. PATIL :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched the Reproductive Child Health Programme (RCHP);

(b) if so, the main objective of the programme;

(c) the States where the programme is being launched;

(d) the funds earmarked for the programme;